

What is claimed is:

1. Circulating type food and drink transport apparatus comprising:

a circular link chain;

a plurality of plates located on the link chain with a predetermined clearance; and

a traveling lane guiding and carrying the link chain, wherein

the lower portion of the traveling lane is closed by a substantially U-shaped receiver.

2. The circulating type food and drink transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the link chain includes a chain driving section arranged at the corner of the traveling lane and a chain driven section arranged at another corner of the traveling lane, and a circular operation is made by the chain driving section and the chain driven section, and

the chain driving section and the chain driven section are movable in accordance with a manual operation.

3. The circulating type food and drink transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the link chain is configured by a plurality of chain units all having the same structure.

4. The circulating type food and drink transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the link chain includes a series of chain units having the same structure and a separable chain unit arranged at a proper position of the series of chain units.

5. The circulating type food and drink transport apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

the separable chain unit is configured by an upper plate, a lower link arm, a hollow shaft connecting lower and upper link arms, and a roller rotating around the hollow shaft, and

a link pin connecting the upper plate and the lower link arm has separable upper and lower portions

6. The circulating type food and drink transport apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

part (1A, 1B) of the traveling lane is upwardly and downwardly foldable by the rotation around a hinge.